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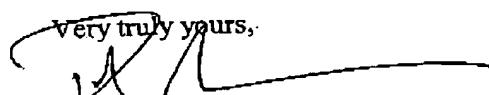
From: Phillip E. Miller Facsimile No. 703-761-2375

Re: Filing of Amendment  
 U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/698,368  
 Our Ref: NGB.312

Dear Examiner:

Enclosed please find an Amendment which should place the Application in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours,  
  
 Phillip E. Miller

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 Enclosure

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of  
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For: IMAGE COMPRESSION METHOD AND IMAGE COMPRESSION  
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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 24, 2008, please amend the above-identified application as follows: